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NEWSPAPERS

WASH POST - MICHAEL GETLER FROM ANKARA

LEAD: "SEC VANCE ARRIVED HERE TONIGHT AND IMMEDIATELY HEARD A BLUNT WARNING FROM THE TURKISH FM NOT TO INTERFERE IN TURKEY'S LINGERING TROUBLES WITH GREECE OVER THE DIVIDED ISLAND OF CYPRUS."

OTHER POINTS:

-- FM OKCUN SARCASTICALLY SUGGESTED THE TROUBLE SPOT VANCE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN IS US-TURKISH RELATIONS, CLEARLY
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REFERRING TO CONGRESSIONALLY IMPOSED ARMS EMBARGO.

-- AN ALLIED OFFICIAL SAID EMBARGO TURNED TURKISH MILITARY EQUIPMENT INTO "SHAMBLES," AND HAS ADDED TO ANTI-AMERICAN

FEELINGS.

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-- DETERIOATION OF NATO'S SOUTHERN FLANK IS SAID TO BE NO. 1 CONCERN OF GEN. HAIG, BUT VANCE VISIT IS FIRST BY TOP CARTER OFFICIAL SINCE CLIFFORD VISIT LAST YEAR.

-- VANCE VISIT VIEWED AS SOME RECOGNITION FOR ECEVIT'S IMMEDIATE EFFORTS ON CYPRUS, THE KEY FACTOR BEING ECEVIT'S VOW TO SEEK CYPRUS SETTLEMENT NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS TO US ARMS EMBARGO.

-- BOTH ALLIED AND TURKISH SOURCES SEEM TO FEEL THAT IF BREAKTHROUGH IS NOT MADE SOON ON EITHER ARMS EMBARGO OR CYPRUS, THE "GLOW" AND OPPORTUNITIES OF NEW ECEVIT GOVERNMENT WILL FADE.

NEW YORK TIMES - BERNIE GWERTZMAN FROM ANKARA

LEAD: "PRES SADAT'S MEETING TODAY WITH SEC VANCE NEAR CAIRO UNDERSCORED THE AMBIGUITY OF CURRENT ME DIPLOMACY,"

OTHER POINTS:

-- DESPITE WELL-PUBLICIZED RECRIMINATIONS, NEITHER SADAT NOR BEGIN SEEM TO WANT CHANCE FOR PEACE TO SLIP AWAY ALTOGETHER, AND VANCE IS STRIVING TO KEEP ALIVE CHANCES FOR PROGRESS.

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-- FOR US, PROBLEM IS TO INSURE DOOR TO PEACE DOES NOT CLOSE IN COMING WEEKS AND ONCE TALKS RESUME, THAT PARTIES NOT WALK OUT.

-- MOST FRUSTRATING FOR VANCE WAS THAT EGYPTIAN DELEGATION WAS CALLED BACK TO CAIRO DESPITE PROGRESS MADE TOWARD AGREEMENT ON DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES FOR PEACE. YET WHEN VANCE EXPLAINED TO SADAT HOW FAR BOTH SIDES HAD MOVED TOWARD ACCEPTING US COMPROMISE, SADAT WAS PLEASANTLY SURPRISED. THIS REINFORCES US VIEW SADAT HAS PROBLEMS NOT SO MUCH WITH SPECIFIC DETAILS AS WITHOVERALL VIEW.

-- VANCE WANTS TO ARRANGE DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES -- IT WOULD GIVE BOTH SIDES EXCUSE TO RESUME NEGOTIATIONS, BE A COUNTERPOINT TO PUBLIC NAME-CALLING AND WOULD PROVIDE JORDAN WITH REASON TO PARTICIPATE.

-- IT WAS SINAI ISSUE THAT, UNEXPECTEDLY, AROUSED MOST EMOTION ON EGYPTIAN SIDE.

-- ON MILITARY COMMITTEE MEETING, SADAT ORIGINALLY PROPOSED SUSPENSION BUT AGREED TO RECONVENE IT NEXT WEEK

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AT US URGING. BEGIN IS NOT EXPECTED TO AGREE SOON TO SEND ISRAELI DELEGATION BACK TO CAIRO.

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AP - NO BYLINE FROM ATHENS

LEAD: "SEC VANCE, TRYING TO MOVE NATO MEMBERS GREECE AND TURKEY CLOSER TOGETHER ON THE CYPRUS QUESTION AND OTHER BILATERAL ISSUES, FLEW HERE TODAY FROM ANKARA, TURKEY, FOR A ONE-DAY VISIT.

OTHER POINTS:

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-- HOURS BEFORE VANCE ARRIVAL, BOMBS, BELIEVED SET BY LEFTISTS WHO CONTEND VANCE IS TRYING TO PRESSURE ATHENS INTO CONCESSIONS TO THE TURKS, DAMAGED AMERICAN LIBRARY AND AMERICAN EXPRESS OFFICE.

-- IN ANKARA THIS MORNING, PM ECEVIT AT NEWS CONFERENCE SAID VANCE ASSURED HIM CARTER ADMINISTRATION SEES "REASONABLENESS" OF DISASSOCIATING CYPRUS ISSUE FROM BASES AGREEMENT, BUT CONGRESS DOESN'T SEEM TO AGREE.

-- ECEVIT SAID MEANWHILE TURKEY MAY TRY TO REVISE TERMS OF US BASES AGREEMENT, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION SHRINKING VALUE OF DOLLAR AND TURKEY'S RISING DEFENSE NEEDS.

-- ECEVIT SAID PROGRESS ON CYPRUS DEPENDS ON GREEK ATTITUDE.

UPI - JIM ANDERSON FROM ANKARA

LEAD: "TURKEY WANTS VANCE TO KEEP OUT OF ITS DISPUTE WITH GREECE OVER CYPRUS AND DEVOTE MORE TIME TO IMPROVING STRAINED TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS.

OTHER POINTS:

-- TURKISH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS SAID FM OKCUN WAS ALLUDING TO STALLED NEGOTIATIONS ON US MILITARY BASES IN TURKEY.

-- 300 LEFTIST STUDENTS BURNED US FLAG IN DOWNTOWN ANKARA, CLAIMING VANC: WAS TRYING TO IMPOSE AMERICAN PLAN FOR CYPRUS ON THE TURKS.

-- ON THE DCA, US OFFICIALS EXPLAINED THAT ANY CHANGE IN

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DCA WITH TURKEY WOULD OPEN FLOODGATES TO SERIES OF AMENDMENTS FROM OPPONENTS OF THE PACT AND WOULD POSSIBLY RESULT IN NO TREATY.

REUTERS - ROY GUTMAN FROM ANKARA

LEAD: "THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION WILL PRESS CONGRESS TO APPROVE A DELAYED BILLION DOLLAR DEFENSE COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH TURKEY BY THE END OF MARCH, AMERICAN OFFICIALS SAID TODAY."

OTHER POINTS:

-- VANCE INDICATED THIS TO ECEVIT DURING TALKS LAST NIGHT AND TODAY, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIALS.

-- ECEVIT OUTLINED HIS PROPOSALS FOR DEALING WITH THE CYPRUS DISPUTE, BUT THE SECRETARY DID NOT WANT TO MAKE PUBLIC HIS VIEWS OF THESE PROPOSALS UNTIL AFTER HIS TALKS WITH GREEK LEADERS.

-- OFFICIALS SAID VANCE FELT THE ADMINISTRATION COULD ASK CONGRESS TO ACT WITHIN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS ON THE DCA. THEY SAID DISCUSSIONS OF DETAILS WOULD TAKE PLACE IN NEAR FUTURE BUT NO FURTHER HIGH-LEVEL EXCHANGE WAS IMMEDIATELY IN PROSPECT. CHRISTOPHER

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